

BLOOD BANK DATE IS FEB. 14

The Fanwood Fire Company is sponsoring a blood bank on Wednesday, February 14, 1979 from 3-8 p.m. in cooperation with the Fanwood Police Department and the Fanwood Rescue Squad. The donation site is the new Fanwood Rescue Squad Building on Watson Road in Fanwood. This blood bank is open to the public. The Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is the coordinating agency.

Anyone in good health between the ages of 17 and 65 years of age inclusive (17 year olds need parents permission and proof of age) all donors must weigh at least 110 lbs. If you meet these requirements you are eligible donor. If you give a pint of blood your entire family will be covered with unlimited blood needs, for 1 year in any hospital in the United States, Canada, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. These donations also help cover the blood needs of the Senior Citizens in the community.

This is a very worthwhile family and community cause--so why not come to the Fanwood Rescue Squad Building on Wednesday, February 14, 1979 from 3-8 p.m. and give a pint of blood.

For further information call Bill Matthews - Fanwood Fire Company 322-7789 or Ann Henry - Plainfield Red Cross 756-6414.

MAR. 1 PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR FANWOOD CABLE TV

Robert Giegerich Jr., Chairman of Fanwood's Cable Television Committee, has announced that a public hearing has been set for March 1 at 8 p.m. for the Borough Council to consider the application of Suburban Cablevision of East Orange to provide cable television service to the community.

Giegerich has advised Loren Hollembaek, Council representative to the committee, that a report of the committee's investigation and study will be presented to Council next week. The report will identify Fanwood's needs relative to cable service and guide Council in evaluating Suburban's application.

Council will have 30 days following the public hearing to either reject or grant municipal consent by ordinance to Suburban or any other cablevision service that might make such application prior to the hearing.

Suburban's currently proposed service to Scotch Plains and other Union County communities would be operational sometime during the summer of 1980. A consent to Suburban by Fanwood would fall within this timetable.

10-GALLON BLOOD DONOR HONORED



Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Evelyn of Scotch Plains smile as he accepts the special award of the American Association of Blood Banks for his 80 blood donations. Presenting the plaque is Dr. Harvey Einhorn, president and chief executive officer of the North Jersey Blood Center, headquartered in East Orange. Evelyn, a Newark fire captain, now joins the ranks of the Center's exclusive 10-Gallon Donor Club. He has been donating blood regularly for over 20 years.

CLUB OFFERS SURVEY OF BANKS

Are you in the market for banking services, a loan, or a mortgage? Are you aware of the variety of savings and checking accounts available? Why not peruse through The Local Bank and Lending Institution Survey, compiled by the Literature and Education Department of the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club.

The intent of this survey is to advise local residents of Scotch Plains, Fanwood, and Westfield of the variety of banks and lending institutions available, and the services that each provide. Copies have been placed in Municipal Libraries, Clerks Offices, High Schools, and the Union County Technical Institute and Vocational Center. Through the cooperation of all the local banks, this community awareness project has become a worthwhile reference.

MAC DONALD'S - VITAL FORCE



At MacDonald's, community relations staffer Angela Cozza welcomes Den 8, 277 Cub Scouts. (See story, page 9.)

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Trenton recommends restoration of \$366,000 to school budget

Facing the possibility that local schools could be operating under a severely reduced budget in months ahead, the Board of Education gathered last Thursday to pave the way for employee layoffs, if the need should arise by spring.

As hundreds of local students and parents gathered to question the proposed layoffs, at a standing-room-only session last Thursday at Terrill Junior High, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Howlett, announced that the Board had received an informal indication earlier in the day regarding the potential state position on the \$572,616 budget cut under appeal at the state Department of Education. The hearing officer appointed by Commissioner of Education Fred Bruke planned to recommend restoration of \$366,000 of the \$572,616 cut, Howlett was told by telephone. By early this week, no official documentation of the hearing officer's figures had been received here.

The school district had been forced to operate without the \$572,616 cut since September. Howlett told the gathering. Cutbacks in supplies and equipment, a planned program for the gifted, etc. had already been implemented, while the district awaited resolution of the \$572,616 amount, cut by the governing bodies following voter defeat of the budget last year and subsequent appeal of the matter by the Board of Education. In such a state of limbo regarding the future, both Howlett and Leonia Reilly, Board President, emphasized that the Board was forced to act legally to enable layoffs later if some or all of the funds cut were not restored. The Board is legally liable if it over-expends an annual school budget, it was noted. Hence,



Residents crowd Terrill Junior High auditorium to protest cutbacks in school programs.

114 employees were terminated, effective April 3. They include 40 teachers and 74 non-professional employees, including aides, secretaries, custodians, etc.

Howlett termed the restoration figure of \$366,000 "most disturbing," particularly in light of other severe financial problems facing the district in the next year. The school district overanticipated revenue by

\$34,000, in surplus and tuitions which have not been realized. The district is also \$15,000 behind because of cuts in anticipated state aid. On the expenditure side, liabilities which had not been anticipated in the current year include an \$89,000 increase in special education tuitions, \$25,000 in pupil transportation increases.

"Even with full restoration of the cut, we have serious

problems," Howlett said. The entire surplus from last year's budget was committed to the budget of the current year, and there is no remaining surplus, he pointed out. The \$366,000 restoration, if acceptable by both the Board of Education and the combined Councils of Fanwood and Scotch Plains, would enable to Board to rescind some of the staff layoffs

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Plains council revises plan for town village green

The Scotch Plains Township Council set the stage for a new Village Green Park on Tuesday night, with a unanimous vote approving change orders for the three contractors involved in the project. Since Republicans gained control of the Council on January 1, the park plan, which was the subject of con-

siderable controversy in the last half of 1978, has been reworked by the Township Engineer, under direction of the Council.

The latest revision will provide a park that will encompass all the land originally envisioned in the first park plans, prepared by a professional New York lan-

dscapist architect. Last year, when three bidding efforts resulted in costs far beyond the architect's estimates, the Democrat-controlled Council ordered modifications which reduced the total land to be covered by the park, resulting in a park of less than an acre at the Park-Front Street corner adjacent to the Municipal Building. Contracts for construction were approved in the final weeks of 1978.

During the public portion of the meeting, only former Councilman Noel Musick questioned Council concerning the latest design. Responding to his question, Engineer Bogan estimate that he spent a total of approximately 50 hours on the revisions, with input from the Historical Society and other. The modification provided for a reduction in the total brick paving, lights and shrubbery, he said, which spreading the facilities over the entire site originally anticipated as park land. The park will extend from Pa-

Petition seeks fund restoration

Lynette Birkins, a teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, presented the Scotch Plains Township Council with a petition, bearing 1,335 names, asking the combined Councils of Scotch Plains and Fanwood to revise their position on the \$572,616 cut they mandated in the 1978-79 school budget, and approve restoration of the entire cut. (Councils and the Board of Education have received informal indication from Trenton that a hearing officer will recommend restoration of \$366,000 of the \$572,616 - see story, page 1. "Mend a Heart - Restore

Unity, Restore Pride, Restore All Funds," the petition stated. The decision on the amount of budget cut was based on misinformation, and the large surplus the Councils anticipated in arriving at a figure did not materialize, the petition said. Cutbacks to live within a reduced budget would cause the local school district to lose its reputation, curtail programs critical to a well-rounded education, and result in deterioration in staff and in staff morale, it concluded. Miss Birkins said she considered the thought of such a petition following last week's Board of Education

meeting, and had been approached later by many interested people.

The Township Council meeting was attended by approximately 100 people - with a good percentage representing interest in the school budget cut. Mayor Alan Augustine welcomed the audience, and pointed to an aura and climate of improved relationships between Council and Board of Education. Their mutual goal is to upgrade the image of Scotch Plains, he said, and the "rank and file" of citizens want uni-

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